

Report to the Environmental Review Commission

Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec. 29 REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK

January 14, 2015

City of Albemarle

Approved/delegated program subject to reporting requirements:

☐ Sedimentation/erosion control

☐ Stormwater

☐ Water/sewer

☒ Cross-connection

☐ 401 certifications

☒ Other Watershed

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The City of Albemarle has implemented procedures whereby plan reviewers distinguish between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(1) for further details about this requirement.

The City of Albemarle will identify and distinguish in its plan review responses those that are statutorily or regulatory required for any revisions and for requests for additional information that are requested by the City in order to grant the requested plan permit, approval, or license. Proper legal citations shall be made for those that are required by law. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(2) for further details about this requirement.

The City of Albemarle plan reviews have implemented procedures for local governments to follow when (1) a Professional Engineer submits a sealed design or practice that is not in the local government's guidance, manuals, or standard operating procedures, and (2) the submitting Professional Engineer requests additional internal review of that design or practice. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

The City of Albemarle has established a procedure whereby the plan reviewer's supervisor OR the approving/delegating state agency can provide further review and oversight of design details. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement. The City of Albemarle plan reviews will either employ a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs, or maintain a list of consulting Professional Engineers of the City's choice that may conduct this review, if requested by and paid for by the submitting Professional Engineer. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

The City of Albemarle has established an informal internal process to address disputes when plan reviews identify a change to plans as being "required" under a specific, identified legal authority. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(2) for further details about this requirement.

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The City of Albemarle has discontinued use of the word “engineer” in the job titles of all program employees whose responsibilities include review of plans in affected programs, *unless* those employees hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h) for further details about this requirement.

The City of Albemarle does not currently have employees in the plan review or comment proves that utilize the word “Engineer” anywhere in their title

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☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program reviewed the titles of all employees conducting plan reviews for this program. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program proposed revisions to those employees’ job titles in order to eliminate use of the word “engineer” when publicly identifying those employees, if those employees do not hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(2) for further details about this requirement.

Additional information: